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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### AMENDMENTS

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Title

Please substitute the following title for that set forth on the cover page of published Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT") patent application W 91/14989, and at lines 2 and 3 on page 1.

A NETWORK OF COMPUTING DEVICES INCLUDING  
A REPEATER/SWITCH FOR  
DISTRIBUTED ARBITRATION DIGITAL DATA BUSES